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Thanks

... To those who have set aside time to assist and support with forthcoming sports days and camps. It is not always easy to juggle commitments, these events only proceed because of your willingness to do so.

People of the week

... Dylan Bedford ... for a truly amazing story this week. Well done Dylan!

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

3 November	Whangarei Group Calf Club Day
8 November	Zone Athletics at Poroti School
15-18 Nov.	Year 3 and 4 Camp at Marsden Bay
21 November	Due date for portfolios for Art Scholarship
22 November	Year 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics
29 November	Years 4-6 Interschool Athletics
6 December	School Athletics Day
9 December	Reports issued
12 December	School Prize Giving (pp 13.12)
15 December	Final day of 2016 school year (1st Feb first day of 2017)

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES

We advised by email last week that a complaint had been laid with WDC over drop off and pick up practices in the vicinity of our school. Since then we have had a number of parents contact us with concerns about these practices and a **fear that the safety of students was at risk.**

The primary concerns are as follows ...

... parking on yellow lines, blocking driveways and entry points to the upper carpark and lower bus bay

... excessive periods of time to disembark from cars (during drop off) while cars behind are banked up as far as the road

... parking in the no parking zones inside the upper carpark blocking safe traffic of cars and pedestrians (these areas are marked by yellow lines).

Please adhere to the rules ... prompt drop off, stay clear of neighbouring driveways and entry points, stay clear of the yellow lines.

We know that the problem is at its worst around 3:00pm. We think this problem could be eased if those people with children in the Middle & Senior School would delay pick up until 3:15 ... if you are able to do this, this would be greatly appreciated.

We have an absolute duty to keep children safe.

We need each person to do their bit please.

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Reminders

- ... A reminder to parents of year 7 and 8 students that staff supervise a Cambridge Study Hour from 3:00 to 4:00pm each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- ... **A reminder that sunhats are compulsory in the summer terms.**
- ... Parents intending to enrol their child at WBHS in 2017 are advised that an enrolment catch up day will be held 7 November at WBHS - Parents can book at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (event code ntecpl)... Book Club
- ... **If able to assist with lunchtime athletics activities, starting from 25 October, please give Kevin a call. You can choose your preferred field event and your preferred day.**
- ... WGHS orientation 1 November. Please phone the WGHS office for information.
- ... Please get school cups back to school asap. Thanks
- ... If we can help with Art Scholarships please let us know. These are due 21 November

Respect Virtue

Please keep working on this at home.

Term Headlice Inspection

The Headlice inspection will be on Wednesday 2nd November - next Wednesday from 9am. If you can help for 45 mins on Wednesday morning please give Helen a call.

Scholastic Book Orders

Closed today, but late orders will be accepted before school on Monday 31st October. Orders will be handed out in a couple of weeks.

Drop-off times

In the interest of safety, please ensure children are not dropped at school before 8:00am in the morning.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - 8 November - (pp 9.11) - Years 4 to 8

As advised our zone athletics will be held at Poroti School on Tuesday 8th November. This is an all-day event. As well as an opportunity for our children to improve their athletics skills, this is an opportunity for them to connect with children from other schools. The top placed qualifiers also earn spots in the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

It is our intention to travel by bus, but we recognize that some parents will want to transport their own children. **The cost of the bus will be met from the activity fee paid earlier in the year.**

Please note that there will not be regular classes on this day for year 4 to 8 students.

If you have not yet returned your consent form(s) please get these to school this coming Monday. Children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts.

Y3 & Y4 Camp - 15-18 November

Any questions in the run up to camp to Mr Johnson or Mrs Baker please.

Prizegiving Cups & Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies won at last year's prizegiving. There is no need to polish them.

Whangarei Group Calf Club

... set for 3 November (pp 4 November) at Barge Park. Registration 9:00am. Judging starts 10:00am. Any questions please to Michelle Martin on 4335061 or 0274810450. Please advise the school office on Monday if your child will be attending this event.

Cambridge Update ... REMINDER

Our next Cambridge meeting for parents will be held in **room 11 3:15pm Thursday 3 November**. This is an opportunity for us to share impressions, take questions, invite your input, and tell you of some new developments, including fine tuning of core Cambridge programmes, and expansion of the options programme (to include robotics and coding). Any interested parent is invited to attend, and especially parents of intending year 7 and 8 students. We have some very positive achievement data to share.

Year 7 and 8 Cambridge / Options Programme

We are excited to advise of an expansion of our current senior options programme in 2017.

Our options programme currently includes Spanish, Maori, Chemistry, 3D Printing, European History through games and Sports Science. In 2017 we will add robotics, coding and e-textiles (and maybe another language). Students will have the option of learning about what it takes to build and programme their own robot, or they could follow the technology pathway and design practical solutions for real-life problems.

Not only will we have lower class numbers than most other year 7 and 8 programmes in the Whangarei area, we will have the widest range of options. All of these options have potential to be taken further at secondary school and then on into careers. We will keep you posted as these exciting new programmes evolve.

Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

We will shortly be making decisions on optimal Cambridge pathways for 2017 (see our website - Cambridge tab - for background details on pathways). As advised earlier, the Cambridge programme is highly flexible. There is plenty of scope to modify the programme to cater for different learning abilities, learning styles, personal circumstances etc. In short, there will not be a one size fits all approach and programmes will contain non-Cambridge material also. We are currently gathering the data necessary to make good pathway decisions and are keen for parents to have input into this process where they feel they would like to. We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 14 November, and **interested parents are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson on 18 or 25 November (both Fridays) or at other times by arrangement with Mrs Donaldson.**

If you pick your child up from a bus drop off point - but running late

If you are running late to pick up children who usually travel on a bus, we are more than happy to supervise them (for a brief time) after school if you think you may be late in collecting them from bus drop off points. We would rather children are not waiting for you on the side of the road.

Finally - GREAT NEWS FOR OUR FORMER STUDENTS AT THE NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS AWARDS - THOUGHT THIS WAS WORTH SHARING

This year saw a record 340 nominations and last night the 163 individuals and three teams named as finalists gathered with family and friends at the ASB Stadium for the 2016 ASB Northland Secondary Schools Sports Awards Dinner. A total of 21 Northland Secondary Schools were represented from Kaitiaki to Wellsford. Among the lineup of finalists included an impressive number of ex Matarau students across a wide range of sporting codes. These students were Euan Sapwell - Athletics, Scott Gregory - Athletics & Rugby (Winner x2), Belinda May - Golf (Winner) Michelle Crawford - Gymsports, James Mortimer - Hockey, Kayla Sinclair - Netball Official, Caitlin Reed - Clay Shooting (Winner), Max Brunker - Surfing (Winner) and Angus Dorahy - Teams Adventure Racing.

The 2016 Overall Sportswoman of the Year was received by Caitlin Reed and Overall Sportsman of the Year was received by Scott Gregory.

Congratulations to all of these students. We are very proud of you all.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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Kamo Pippins & Brownies – there is space in the Kamo Pippins & Brownies (ages 5-9) groups. Contact kamobrownies@gmail.com for more information.

Wanted to Rent: 2 - 3 bedroom home

I have recently started working on a dairy farm down Finlayson Road. My wife and I have two young children. Please let me know if you have a place to rent in the area. I can provide references. Thank you. Mat Cook, Phone: 020 4106 6866 - email: matyjay01@gmail.com

Skate Classes

Inline or roller skates - Fit - Fun – Fast - Fridays 3.30pm 116 Bank Street Bring a friend for the full term and you'll receive a \$15 off your own term. www.Skatescool.co.nz or facebook

Old Mobile Cell Phone collection – Matarau School are still collecting old mobile phones, drop into the box at the school office anytime.

Annual Summer Safety Day on Saturday 6th November at Kensington Park (Western Hills Drive) Whangarei. - It's all about keeping kids and families safe and learning in a practical and fun environment. There will be stands from NZ Fire service, NZ Police, Northland Civil Defence, Coastguard, Surf Lifesaving and many more community organisations.

HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our environment by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

Kamo Swimming Club – 2016/17 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 7 November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 4th November at KHS Pool. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955.

Tanekaha Toxin Operation From 1st November there will be a baiting operation in the Tanekaha area – end of Jordan Valley Road where it meets Hukerenui Road & Heaton Road in a loop back to Jordan Valley Road. The toxic bait will be laid from the 15th November & will remain for 3-4 weeks and then removed. Please be aware of this if in the area with animals or children.



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.*